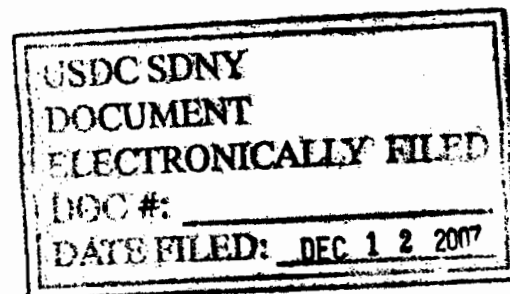


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JOINT APPLICATION

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: Federal Insurance Company  
v. M/V "SCI TEJ", et al.  
07 Civ. 7797 (LTS)  
Our File: 7C-1497

Dear Judge Swain:

I represent the plaintiff in this admiralty action involving a claim for cargo damage. Counsel have conferred in accordance with Your Honor's order and have formulated an initial draft of the preliminary pretrial statement. Additional time is needed to complete the statement. For this reason counsel join in respectfully requesting that the December 14, 2007 initial court conference be rescheduled for a date in mid-January.

The Court's attention is appreciated.

Respectfully,

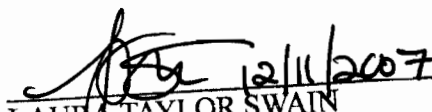
  
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*The conference is adjourned to  
February 8, 2008, at 2:15 pm.*

SO ORDERED.

  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE